RESOLUTION BY

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A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF THE 1.50 MONTHLY SURCHARGE ON TELEPHONE BILLS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE "911" SYSTEM AND DIRECTING SOUTHERN BELL, A BELLSOUTH COMPANY, AND ALL OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES PROVIDING TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO CONTINUE COLLECTING THE SURCHARGE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly adopted an act which amended the "Georgia Emergency Telephone Number "911" Service Act of 1977 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, said act provides a procedure for levying and collecting a monthly "911" charge upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the areas served or which would be served by the "911" Service; and

WHEREAS, said monthly "911" charges shall be used only too pay for the operation and maintenance of the "911" system including necessary equipment acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the City by resolution adopted by Council on October 15, 1990 and approved by the Mayor on October 22, 1990 requested Southern Bell to implement a monthly \$1.50 "911" charge for telephone subscribers within the City on or before February 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Section 46-5-134 (d)(2) of the O.C.G.A. states "The governing authority of a local government operating or contracting for the operation of an emergency "911" system shall, by resolution, reaffirm the necessity for the "911" charge beginning with the thirteenth month following the month in which emergency "911" system service is first provided in the political subdivision and during such month annually thereafter".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA that the "911" monthly surcharge of \$1.50 be and is hereby reaffirmed as being necessary for the continued operation of City of Atlanta enhanced emergency telephone number "911" system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southern Bell, a BellSouth Company, and all other landline telephone companies that provide telephone service within the City of Atlanta, be and is hereby directed to continue collecting the "911" \$1.50 monthly surcharge from telephone subscribers whose telephones are in the area served by the City of Atlanta enhanced emergency telephone number "911" system for the period January 1 through December 31, 2001 ad to remit said funds collected, less the 3% administrative fee retained by the telephone companies, to the City.

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